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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed September 22, 2006, applicant elects the invention of Group I (claims 1-20, 25 and 35-38) drawn to purified peptides. With regard to the required species election, applicant elects a peptide comprising the sequence: Cys Cys Glu Tyr Cys Cys Asn Pro Ala Cys Thr Gly Cys Tyr. This is the peptide of claim 20 and SEQ ID NO:31. This species election is made without traverse. Claims 1, 5, 8-13, 20, and 25 read on the elected species.

The election of Group I is made with traverse. Applicant respectfully requests that the inventions of Group I and Group II be considered together. Upon entry of this amendment the remaining claims in Group II will all be drawn to pharmaceutical compositions comprising a peptide within Group I. The peptides of Group I have utility in the treatment of certain disorders, as disclosed in the present application. Thus, it is reasonable to consider the pharmaceutical composition claims of Group II together with the peptide claims of Group I.

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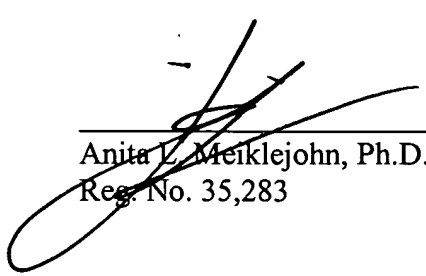
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